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REMARKS

Abstract Amendment

The abstract has been amended to conform to the recommended format and language for abstracts according to the MPEP.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10 and 12 to 14 remain in the application.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 were amended to correct spelling and informality errors noted therein. Claims 8 to 10 were amended to correct their dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 7. Of course, these amendments were not made to differentiate over any prior art, but simply to improve the form of the claims.

Claim 11 was only rejected under obviousness-type double patenting. To facilitate prosecution, the subject matter of claims 7 and 11 have been added to claim 1. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection based on US Patent No. 6,907,936.

Although applicants do not agree with at least some of the claim rejections raised by the Examiner in his action in respect of claims 1 to 10 and 12 to 21, to facilitate prosecution at this stage, applicants have decided to cancel those rejected claims herein and may pursue those claims in a continuation application to be filed in due course.

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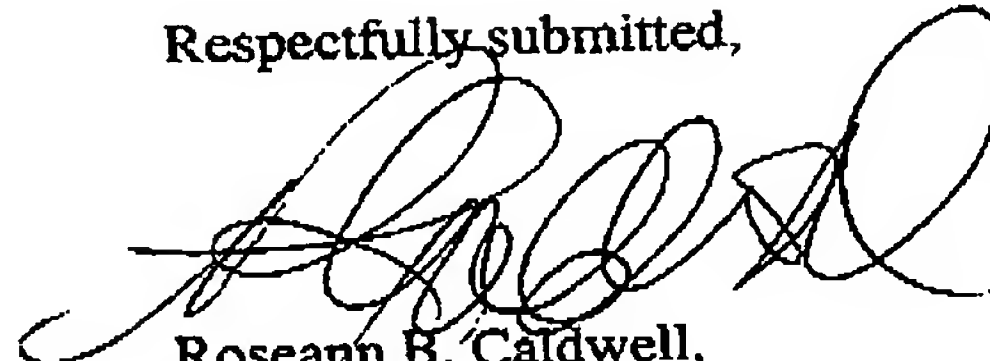
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Conclusions

Applicant submits that claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10 and 12 to 14 are in a condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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